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General Assembly

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Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183, A/61/190 and A/C.1/61/L.46); *item 84* (A/C.1/61/L.22); *item 85* (A/61/161 and A/C.1/61/L.35); *item 86* (A/C.1/61/L.50); *item 87* (A/61/140 (Part I), A/61/140 (Part II) and A/C.1/61/L.1); *item 88* (A/C.1/61/L.45); *item 89* (A/C.1/61/L.10/Rev.1); *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/127/Add.1, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/159/Corr.2, A/61/159/Add.1, A/61/159/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/C.1/61/5, A/C.1/61/7, A/C.1/61/L.3, A/C.1/61/L.4, A/C.1/61/L.5, A/C.1/61/L.6, A/C.1/61/L.7, A/C.1/61/L.8, A/C.1/61/L.13/Rev.1, A/C.1/61/L.15, A/C.1/61/L.16, A/C.1/61/L.17, A/C.1/61/L.19, A/C.1/61/L.20, A/C.1/61/L.21*, A/C.1/61/L.23, A/C.1/61/L.25, A/C.1/61/L.26, A/C.1/61/L.30, A/C.1/61/L.32*, A/C.1/61/L.34, A/C.1/61/L.36, A/C.1/61/L.37, A/C.1/61/L.38, A/C.1/61/L.39, A/C.1/61/L.40, A/C.1/61/L.41, A/C.1/61/L.42, A/C.1/61/L.43, A/C.1/61/L.44, A/C.1/61/L.47/Rev.1, A/C.1/61/L.49, A/C.1/61/L.52,

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Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 26 October 2006, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from Friday, 20 October 2006, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statement to no more than *four minutes*.

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A/C.1/61/L.53, A/C.1/61/L.54/Rev.1, A/C.1/61/L.55, A/61/169, A/61/169/Add.1, A/61/171, A/61/171/Add.1, A/61/261, A/61/288, A/61/293, A/61/344-S/2006/741 and A/61/520); *item 91* (A/61/130, A/61/130/Corr.1, A/61/137, A/61/157, A/61/163, A/61/215, A/61/365, A/C.1/61/L.9, A/C.1/61/L.12, A/C.1/61/L.14, A/C.1/61/L.24, A/C.1/61/L.28, A/C.1/61/L.31, A/C.1/61/L.33 and A/C.1/61/L.51); *item 92* (A/61/180, A/61/297, A/C.1/61/L.11, A/C.1/61/L.27 and A/C.1/61/L.29); *item 93* (A/61/160 (Part II), A/C.1/61/L.2 and A/61/140 (Part II)); *item 94* (A/C.1/61/L.18); *item 95* (A/61/123 and A/C.1/61/L.34); *item 96* (A/61/134, A/61/184 and A/C.1/61/L.48); and *item 97* (A/C.1/61/L.27)

[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1, A/C.1/61/2, A/C.1/61/3, A/C.1/61/4, A/C.1/61/5, A/C.1/61/6, A/C.1/61/7 and A/C.1/61/INF/1]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 2

1. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [30]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.2/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.3/Rev.1

2. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [33]

General debate

Second Committee

3–5 p.m. Conference Room 4

Panel discussion on the theme "Innovative finance to combat climate change"

Panellists:

Prof. Robert N. Stavins, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Prof. Jagdish N. Bhagwati, Economics Department, Columbia University

Moderator:

Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, DESA

5–6 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 4

Globalization and interdependence (A/61/486) [55]

(a) Globalization and interdependence (A/61/286)

(b) International migration and development (A/60/871, A/61/187, A/61/73, A/61/91, A/61/170, A/61/230, A/61/315, A/61/316, A/61/321, A/61/343, A/61/345, A/61/346, A/61/506, A/61/515 and A/C.2/61/2)

(c) Culture and development (A/61/86, A/61/321 and A/61/378-S/2006/761)

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (A/61/177)

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/61/269, A/61/93, A/61/126 and A/61/181)

Conclusion of general discussion

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protections of human rights (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280) [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/61/211, A/61/267, A/61/281, A/61/287, A/61/289, A/61/306, A/61/311, A/61/312, A/61/324, A/61/325, A/61/338, A/61/340, A/61/348, A/61/352, A/61/353, A/61/384, A/61/464, A/61/465, A/61/476 , A/61/506 and A/61/513[1])

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/61/276, A/61/349, A/61/360, A/61/374, A/61/369, A/61/369/Corr.1[1], A/61/469, A/61/470, A/61/475, A/61/489, A/61/504 and A/61/526[1])

Introductory statements by, and dialogue with:

Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders

Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

3–6 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280) [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/61/211, A/61/267, A/61/281, A/61/287, A/61/289, A/61/306, A/61/311, A/61/312, A/61/324, A/61/325, A/61/338, A/61/340, A/61/348, A/61/352, A/61/353, A/61/384, A/61/464, A/61/465, A/61/476, A/61/506 and A/61/513[1])

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/61/276, A/61/349, A/61/360, A/61/374, A/61/369, A/61/369/Corr.1[1], A/61/469, A/61/470, A/61/475, A/61/489, A/61/504 and A/61/526[1])

[1] To be issued.

Introductory statements by, and dialogue with:

Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

[*Note*: The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722, fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D, fax 1 (212) 963-5935).]

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Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 3

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [47]

Follow-up to the Millennium Summit [113]

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [117]

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

Human resources management [123]

Joint Inspection Unit [124]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [132]

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [149]

Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report: procurement reform (A/60/846/Add.5 and A/60/904)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system (A/59/721 and A/59/721/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 132 and 149 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the

[1] Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Joint Inspection Unit; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; United Nations reform: measures and proposals; Investing in the United Nations for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report; procurement reform (A/60/846/Add.5 and A/60/904); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system (A/59/721 and A/59/721/Add.1))

3-6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 118 (Programme planning (A/61/16, A/61/6 (Part one), A/61/6 (Prog.1), A/61/6 (Prog.2), A/61/6 (Prog.3), A/61/6 (Prog.4), A/61/6 (Prog.5), A/61/6 (Prog.6), A/61/6 (Prog.7), A/61/6 (Prog.8), A/61/6 (Prog.9), A/61/6 (Prog.10), A/61/6 (Prog.11), A/61/6 (Prog.12), A/61/6 (Prog.13), A/61/6 (Prog.14)/Rev.1, A/61/6 (Prog.15), A/61/6 (Prog.16), A/61/6 (Prog.17), A/61/6 (Prog.18), A/61/6 (Prog.19), A/61/6 (Prog.20), A/61/6 (Prog.21), A/61/6 (Prog.22), A/61/6 (Prog.23), A/61/6 (Prog.24), A/61/6 (Prog.25), A/61/6 (Prog.26), A/61/6 (Prog.27), A/61/125, A/61/64, A/61/83 and A/61/83/Corr.1)); and 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/61/5 (Vol. I), A/61/5 (Vol. III), A/61/5 (Vol. IV), A/61/5/Add.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/5/Add.3, A/61/5/Add.4, A/61/5/Add.5, A/61/5/Add.6, A/61/5/Add.7, A/61/5/Add.8, A/61/5/Add.9, A/61/5/Add.11 A/61/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/61/5/Add.12, A/61/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1, A/61/182, A/61/214, A/61/214/Add.1 and A/61/350))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 9th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session (A/61/10) [78]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda item 78 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332, fax 1 (212) 963-1963)).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Draft report

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International Financial System and Development)

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), under agenda item 69 (c) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development)

Monday, 23 October 2006, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Monday, 23 October 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Other meetings

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Monday, 23 October 2006

Assembly of the States Parties to the Statute of the International Criminal Court: Bureau meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica)

9 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room B

Mason Group (on First Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

2–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Central American Integration System (SICA) (at the ambassadorial level)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Briefing on "International protection for human rights defenders" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway, in cooperation with Human Rights First and the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR))

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Meeting of Legal Advisers

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Other activities

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Monday, 23 October 2006

Panel discussion on "National implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security: Ways forward" (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom, the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Henry Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Katarina Salmela (tel. 1 (917) 367-2252; e-mail salmela@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its *World Investment Report 2006*

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend.]

Briefing on "Future of the special procedures" (organized by the NGO Committee on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon Brandstein, OHCHR (tel. 1 (212) 963-7021).]

Panel discussion on "Women and peace consolidation: Ensuring gender justice when political determination meets socio-economic realities — The case of Liberia" (sponsored by the Co-Chairs of the Partners for Gender Justice in Conflict Affected Countries (Sweden and South Africa), in cooperation with UNIFEM and the International Legal Assistance Consortium)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Vina Nadjibulla (tel. 1 (212) 906-6177; e-mail vina.nadjibulla@unifem.org).]

Special event on "Maximizing economic benefits and strengthening resilience in SIDS through sustainable tourism — Implementing the Mauritius Strategy" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and UNWTO)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Om Pradhan (tel. 1 (917) 367-5387; e-mail pradhano@un.org); or Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed (tel. 1 (212) 906-5375; e-mail rafeeuddin.ahmed@unifem.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 23 October 2006

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. David Nabarro, Senior United Nations System Coordinator for Avian and Human Influenza (on developments since he was appointed one year ago, as well as on his recent trip to Southeast Asia, which included Myanmar)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

1 p.m. . . . . Mr. Vitit Muntabhorn, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

3 p.m. . . . . Mr. Manfred Nowak, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (on his mandate)

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 25 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3 p.m. 40th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103 (a)]

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mrs. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (International Year of Forests))

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 10.30 to 11.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia) under agenda 55 (b) (International Migration and Development)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 1 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 1 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International Financial System and Development)

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Wednesday, 25 October 2006 (agenda item 67):

10 a.m.

Mr. Martin Scheinin (Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism); Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences) – Oral report; Mr. Bernards Andrew Nyamwaya Mudho (Independent Expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights)

3 p.m.

Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Akich Okola (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi)

Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66):

10 a.m.

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 10th meeting on Wednesday, 25 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 10th meeting in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 231st meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Monday, 30 October 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with a view to considering and adopting the draft report.

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Second session

The second session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from Monday, 30 October, to Friday, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room XX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail ffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Masa Ohyama, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 7*; and

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, under agenda item 81 (convened by the delegation of Slovenia)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 5*;

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 30 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*; and

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For more information, please contact Ms. Laura Fähndrich (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail fachndrich@un.org).]

Meeting of Legal Advisers

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber;

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference room D.

Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in French)

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in English)

Friday, 3 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

UNITAR briefing on "Operationalizing the Peacebuilding Commission"

Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).].

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

French Seminar

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

English Seminar

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "Women, peace and posts" (sponsored by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Marilyn Dawson (tel. 1 (212) 963-6143; e-mail dawsonm@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Why go solar now" (sponsored by the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unngocsd@gmail.com).]

Special briefing on "How SIDS can benefit from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF): Meeting the objectives of the Mauritius Strategy", by the Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator (organized by UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Om Pradhan (tel. 1 (917) 367-5387; e-mail pradhano@un.org); or Mr. Robert Enholm (tel. 1 (917) 367-4116; e-mail enholm@un.org).]

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Monday, 30 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

Monday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Arabic*
Tuesday, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*
Wednesday, 1 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*
Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*
Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

All meetings will take place in Conference Room 8.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by

clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at Columbia University Law School and UNITAR Visitors Programme at New York University School of Law, for diplomats accredited o the United Nations

The deadline for registration is *Monday, 23 October 2006*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org; or info@unitarny.org).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 20 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

38th plenary meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/61/250/Add.1) [7]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session an additional item entitled "Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade", as item 155 under Heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters) and that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session an additional item entitled "Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994", as item 156 under Heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters) and that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/204) [108]

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [108 and (a) to (t)]: *joint debate*

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization: draft resolution (A/61/L.5)

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/61/L.4)

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/61/L.7)

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/61/L.6)

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States: repor the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibi of Chemical Weapons

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/185)

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security an Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: repo the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/184)

(t) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Developme Community: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/256)

The Executive-Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Mr. Tibor Tóth, made a statement, in the cou of which he presented the report of the Preparatory Commission.

The Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Mr. Rogelio Pfirter, made a statement, in the course of which he presented the repor the Organization.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement, in the course of whi he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.4.

The representative of India made a statement, in the course of which he introduced d resolution A/61/L.5.

The representative of Italy made a statement, in the course of which he introduced d resolution A/61/L.6.

The representative of Romania (on behalf of the International Organization of la Francophonie) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resoluti A/61/L.7.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine (on behalf of GUAM), Pap New Guinea (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Saint Vincent and the Grenadi (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Belgium (on behalf of the Organization fo Security and Cooperation in Europe), Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Organization of t Islamic Conference and the Economic Cooperation Organization), Guinea-Bissau (o behalf of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries), Switzerland, the Sudan the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt and China.

Programme of work

The Assembly was informed that agenda item 105 (c) (Election of the members of the United Nations International Law Commission) would be taken up on Thursday, 26 October 2006, in the afternoon, to consider the issuance of a consolidated list of candidates.

39th plenary meeting

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The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 108 and its sub-ite (a) to (t).

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Solomon Islands, Togo, Uganda, Tunisia, the Marshall Islands, Ethiopia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Jap Serbia, Singapore, Armenia and Chile.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/2 of 13 October 1980, the obser for the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/6 of 17 October 1989, the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/5 of 8 October 1999, the Secreta General of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 477 of the fifth session of 1 Novem 1950, the observer for the League of Arab States made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/32 of 19 November 2002, the Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 of the thirtieth session of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rule procedure to consider draft resolutions A/61/L.6 and A/61/L.7 immediately.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.4 (resolution 61/4).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.5 (resolution 61/5).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.6 (resolution 61/6).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.7 (resolution 61/7).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (b), (d), (j) and (k) of agenda item 108.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage if its consideration of agenda item 108.

Main Committees

First Committee

18th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (82 to 97)

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 82 to 97."

Statements were made by the representatives of Uzbekistan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.51/Rev.1 (on behalf of the five Central Asian States)), Kazakhstan, Mongolia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.53), Pakistan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.45) and Mexico (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.13).

Statements were made by the representative of Japan and Sri Lanka.

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Russian Federation (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.35), India (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.50), Indonesia (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/61/L.6, A/C.1/61/L.7 and A/C.1/61/L.8 (on behalf of the Non-Aligened Movement)), Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Azerbaijan, Iraq, Burkina Faso, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Cuba, Pakistan (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/61/L.42 and A/C.1/61/L.43), Algeria (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.34), Rwanda (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.33) and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.46).

Statements were also made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Canada (who introduced draft decision A/C.1/61/L.22), Poland, Romania and Pakistan.

The Chairperson made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

14th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [33]

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of Israel, Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligened Movement), Jordan, South Africa,

Pakistan, Switzerland, Kazakhstan, Norway, Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Brazil, the Syrian Arab Republic, Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, as well as Ukraine and Moldova), Thailand, Kenya, Mali, Canada (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand (CANZ)).

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded delegations that action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.2 and A/C.4/61/L.3/Rev.1 would take place on Monday, 23 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The Chairman informed the delegation that an oral statement for draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.2/Rev.1 was available at the secretariat office (room S-2977).

Second Committee

17th meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Question time

Comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of the Sudan, Kuwait and Egypt, as well as by the observer for Palestine, to which the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia responded.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Indonesia, Kuwait, Jordan, Algeria and Israel.

A statement was made by the observer for Palestine.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Globalization and interdependence

(a) Globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

(c) Culture and development

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Continuation of general discussion

The Committee resumed its general discussion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Romania, Guinea, Albania, Mexico and Kazakhstan.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Third Committee

25th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Australia and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Myanmar, New Zealand, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, Japan, China and Uzbekistan.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, New Zealand and Canada.

26th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of agenda sub-items 67 (b) and (c).

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of the Sudan, Yemen, Egypt, Switzerland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Canada, Kuwait, Algeria and the United States.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea Bissau and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997

Ratification: Argentina (20 October 2006)[1]

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Accession: Argentina (20 October 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian te are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued a signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credenti alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement coul notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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A/60/PV.100	Meeting held on 11 September 2006, 10 a.m. [F]
	Sixty-first session
A/61/PV.2	Meeting held on 13 September 2006, 5 p.m. [S]
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